

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6829–S6862

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2972–2981, and S. Res. 446–447. **Page S6858**

Measures Passed:

Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 760, to enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve veterans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6837–39**

Peters Amendment No. 1254, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6838**

Tributes in Honor of the Late Senator Hagan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 446, authorizing the printing of tributes and other related materials in honor of the late Senator Janet Kay Hagan. **Page S6861**

Government Publishing Office: Senate passed H.R. 5277, to amend section 442 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain interests in mutual funds, unit investment trusts, employee benefit plans, and retirement plans from conflict of interest limitations for the Government Publishing Office. **Page S6861**

Myers Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Richard Ernest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Pages S6829–36**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 72 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 375), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6836**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 5, 2019. **Page S6862**

Lydon Nomination: By 79 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 376), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Sherri A. Lydon,

to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Pages S6836–37**

Duncan Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service. **Page S6837**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 91 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 377), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6837**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 75 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 378), John L. Sinatra, Jr., of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York. **Pages S6841–42**

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 379), Sarah E. Pitlyk, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Page S6842**

By 64 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 380), Douglas Russell Cole, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Pages S6842–43**

By 89 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 381), R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. **Page S6843**

By 88 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 382), David B. Barlow, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Page S6843**

Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office. **Page S6851**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S6861

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—382) Pages S6836–37, S6841–43

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6862.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NAVY SHIP AND SUBMARINE MAINTENANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support to examine Navy ship and submarine maintenance, after receiving testimony from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, and Vice Admiral Thomas J. Moore, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, both of the Department of Defense; and Diana C. Maurer, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

SUICIDES AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine servicemember, family, and veteran suicides and prevention strategies, after receiving testimony from Captain Michael J. Colston, USN, Director for Mental Health Programs, Health Services Policy and Oversight Office, and Karin A. Orvis, Director, Defense Suicide Prevention Office, Office of the Secretary, both of the Department of Defense; Matthew A. Miller, Acting Director, Suicide Prevention Program, Department of Veterans Affairs; Richard McKeon, Suicide Prevention Branch Chief, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Ronald C. Kessler, Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

PROTECT CONSUMER DATA PRIVACY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative proposals to protect consumer data privacy, after receiving testimony from Julie Brill, Microsoft Corporation, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, 21st Century Privacy Coalition, Laura Moy, Georgetown University Law Center, Nuala O'Connor, Walmart Inc., and Michelle Richardson, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.

FWS CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TASK FORCE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original bill to create a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force, after receiving testimony from Brian R. Nesvik, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and Whit Fosburgh, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kent A. Leonhardt, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Charleston.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Millennium Challenge Corporation, after receiving testimony from Sean Cairncross, Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

LEBANON AND IRAQ PROTESTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine Lebanon and Iraq protests, focusing on insights, implications, and objectives for United States policy, after receiving testimony from Joey R. Hood, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Paul J. Ray, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Blackburn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Shelby, Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, John Charles Hinderaker, and Scott H. Rash, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, who were introduced by Senators McCally and Sinema, Joshua M. Kindred, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, who was introduced by Senator Sullivan, and Matthew Thomas Schelp, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator Blunt, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.